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FRIDAY
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Good Friday. We left the Hotel des Indes about 10 o'clock and stopped to see the great Van Gogh exhibition.

Then to a place near Haarlem for the flower festival. Only a few narcissi and hyacinths were blooming outdoors, but the pavillon was ablaze with various displays. I thought the Birman narcissus perhaps the most unexpected and satisfactory of the lot.

We lunched in Amsterdam at "The Five Flies", a quaint 17th century bit of "Ye Oldie" recommended by our chauffeur. The food was good, especially the smoked eel, but the atmosphere was unsympathetic - we narrowly escaped their importunities to place an American flag on our trestle table.

We took off from the Amsterdam airport in a KLM Convair at 3 o'clock and flew through the rain to Le Bourget, where we arrived about 4:30.

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